

**REMARKS**

This Supplemental Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition and Fee for Extension of time. An Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the new claims added by this Amendment.

Claims 1-48 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 21-48 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention. Claims 1, 4, 7, 15, 21, 25, 29, 37, 40 and 43 are independent.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-48, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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